



Sheen Mount Primary School

Collective Worship Statement

At Sheen Mount, collective worship is an integral and valued part of school life. As a community committed to educating and nurturing children so that they may grow to be confident, curious and empowered citizens, we gather together to pause, reflect, celebrate and share experiences. Through collective worship, we help our children to grow in their understanding of themselves, each other and the wider world.

In line with the 1988 Education Reform Act and the 1996 Education Act, which states that collective worship should be 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character', we base our assemblies on those aspects of Christian teaching that are shared with other faiths. This is because we recognise that our school serves families from many faiths, cultures and worldviews as well as those who have no religious background, and we respect and honour this diversity.

Our collective worship is designed to be inclusive and accessible for all pupils. Our approach is invitational - children are encouraged to engage in ways that feel natural and meaningful to them, whether through stillness, reflection, listening or active participation.

Through collective worship we aim to:

Create space for reflection – encouraging children to wonder, to ask questions and to think deeply about their own values, choices and behaviours .

Celebrate diversity and shared values – drawing on stories, teachings and traditions from Christianity, other world faiths and non-religious worldviews while also recognising the shared living values that connect us all.

Promote spiritual, moral and social growth – reflecting on themes such as kindness, honesty, unity, tolerance and responsibility and exploring how these living values guide our thinking and behaviour.

Strengthen community – building a sense of belonging and shared purpose, celebrating achievements, affirming that everyone belongs and supporting one another in times of joy and challenge.

In this way, collective worship becomes a shared experience: a time to pause together, to celebrate what is good, to reflect on what matters and to grow in understanding of ourselves, one another, and the wider world. It is a time when we step aside from the busyness of the day to pause, reflect, and grow together as a community of learners and friends.